Palliative Care Directories of WHO European Region

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France
Répertoire des soins palliatifs
http://www.sfap.org/content/view/38/76/
JAMALV
http://www.jalmalv.org/index2.html
Les implatations des ASP en France
http://www.aspfondatrice.org/qsn/map.asp







Germany
Wegweiser Hospiz und Palliativmedizin
Deutschland 2005
http://www.wegweiser-hospiz-palliativmedizin.de/
[Consult: 9/05/2006]



Introduction

A Directory is a database of useful resources for people that use it as a communication tool. In Palliative Care context, several Directories have been developed in different geographic areas. They provide information for professionals, patients and careers, and general public.

We studied the Palliative Care Directories that have been published in WHO European Region in order to know their main features. This work is included in the study about the reality of Palliative Care in Europe performed by the "Development Palliative Care in Europe" Task Force of the EAPC.

Method

The work has been split in two studies:

- the first one exclusively directed to the Directories that have been appeared as a printed edition and
- · the second one to those that are available on-line.

We carried out a systematic review of the literature including NLM catalogue, Network of Spanish University Libraries (REBIUN), Internet search and metasearch engines. In addition we asked the EAPC Secretary and National Associations on Palliative Care. We completed our strategy with a round of talks with experts in Palliative Care.

Our search strategy was: 1# "palliative care" OR hospice; 2# directory OR resource OR list; 3# 1 AND 2.

Results

In the first study we founded six printed Directories: Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland and UK. All of them presented data about location and Services available. Only the Spanish one gives information about activity and all team members. In the second one, 12 on-line Directories were registered: Spain, Austria, France (3), Germany, Israel (IAHPC), Italy (2), Scotland, Ireland and UK. All of them give information on location; 9/12 shows an interactive map for a geographic search; only 4/12 can be updated on-line.

Only nine countries from the WHO European Region have available Directories on Palliative Care, six of them have both printed and on-line versions. All of them give information on location and most of them also on structure. Only one gives information about activity.













Ireland
Ireland Directory of Specialist
Palliative Care Services
http://www.iapc.ie/
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Italy
Osservatorio Italiano di Cure Paliative
http://www.oicp.org/lib/frameset.asp
Federazione Cure Palliative
http://www.fedcp.org/centri-italia.asp
[Consult: 9/05/2006]





Spain
Directorio SECPAL
www.secpal.com/directorio
[Consult: 9/05/2006]



United Kingdom
Hospice Information
http://www.hospiceinformation.info/

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